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AFL's Cohelan Wins In Berkeley But Cross Defeated

REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

ST. SURE, CONSERVATIVE

The difference between a conservative and a reactionary is often forgotten. A conservative is one who would conserve or preserve or retain certain established customs or principles. A reactionary is one who would give up established customs or principles, not for some newer or better custom or principle, but in order to go back to more primitive or even savage ways.

J. Paul St. Sure is honorably winning the right to be called a conservative in the best sense by his persistent effort to educate the Bar Association's reactionaries on the established customs, principles, and constitutional rights of American citizens.

St. Sure's manful fight did much to stop the State Bar Board of Governors from accepting the reactionary proposals of a State Bar committee that lawyers be disbarred if they refused to answer questions about their belief or membership, or if they were "disrespectful" toward investigating committees.

NO KANGAROO COURT!

Now St. Sure is fighting the third proposal of the Bar committee, which was accepted by the State Bar Board of Governors, and which that body has asked the Legislature to make law. This is the proposal that a lawyer be disbarred if he advocated or taught overthrow of the Government by force.

That is the sort of proposal that looks all right on the surface, but St. Sure points out that "if there is now sufficient law" to cover such cases, "then this special action is unnecessary. On the other hand, if there is not sufficient law, then we are adding something entirely new. If we are setting up a new form of law and courts, then we should be very, very thoughtful. The Board of Governors was not set up by you (he was speaking to attorneys) to try criminal offenses."

In short, and to use our own language, St. Sure doesn't want to have the State Board of Governors set up as a kangaroo court or drumhead courtmartial, to give unpopular persons short shrift during waves of hysteria.

HE ANSWERS HOOVER

St. Sure cites a statement made by Herbert Hoover when Earl Warren as Governor was opposing the "loyalty oath" craze at the University of California. Hoover said that "any American should be delighted to wake up every morning and take an oath against subversion."

"But what kind of America would it be if we had to take an oath every morning?" demands St. Sure. Well, we feel it would be the kind of America certain reactionaries of the Bar Association wish to establish.

St. Sure has often opposed what we have felt to be just labor demands, he is the son of a late Federal Judge appointed by Calvin Coolidge, as a member of the Alameda County Republican Central Committee he went along with men we have considered misusers of this area—but on this issue now before the Legislature he has flown the colors of an honorable and courageous conservative, and we admire him for it.

Morgan Newscasts Cited by Haggerty

"The Edward P. Morgan program has now been on the air since January 3, 1955 and it is the hope of our national leadership that it will become one of the nation's most popular news analysis features," says C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer, State Federation of Labor, in a letter to the Central Labor Council.

Haggerty calls attention to the fact that Morgan's program is scheduled nightly at 7 p.m. on Station KGO.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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ROOFERS' DIVIDEND—Left to right, A. Camisa, Trustee; Stan Summers, Trustee; and Gilbert E. Hayes, Administrator. Gilbert E. Hayes, on behalf of Aetna Casualty & Surety Company, is presenting a dividend check in the amount of \$12,378.00 to the Trustees of the Roofers' Health and Welfare Trust Fund of Northern California. This dividend is the result of careful planning by the Trustees for a sound Welfare Fund.

Discount Houses Condemned By the Central Labor Council

The Central Labor Council this week adopted the recommendation of its executive committee that discount houses be declared "a detriment to all unions" and that all union members be urged to discontinue membership in such outfits.

Discount houses have been under discussion at meetings of the council for some time. The subject was referred to the executive committee for a recommendation.

The report of the executive committee was unanimously approved by the delegates as follows:

"In regard to the referral to the executive committee of the subject matter of discount houses your committee recommends that the secretary be instructed to communicate with all AFL unions in the county, pointing out that discount houses are a detriment to all unions and their membership and that union members be urged to discontinue their membership in discount houses."

Postal Pay Bill Up After Easter

Efforts to bring up postal salary legislation in the House before the Easter recess were unsuccessful, but it is expected the House will act very shortly after the recess.

The executive committee of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks has issued a statement that it is unalterably opposed to HR-4644, the "too little and too late" measure which the GOP Administration is trying to push through, and that it continues to urge that S-1, the Senate bill which has passed the Senate, be substituted for the House measure.

The Senate bill raises postal pay 10 percent.

Indications are that Mr. Eisenhower intends to veto any measure which grants the postal workers more than 7.6% and a reclassification gadget which the postal unions have denounced.

Court Orders Lifts Dock Picket Line

Union compliances with a temporary court restraining order last Friday has lifted a 4-day picket line placed around the Moore Drydock Company Alameda yards by Boilermakers Local 39.

The union had established its picket line after the company had insisted upon using Navy personnel to do the "moth-balling" of the Navy Attack Transport Logan which is traditionally done by civilians.

According to Thomas A. Rolett, executive secretary of the AFL Bay Cities Metal Trades Council and spokesman for Local 39, only 2 unionists were involved on the Logan job, but the dispute is one of long standing and "may spread coastwise."

A hearing on the dispute is being held this week before Judge James R. Agee.

SIMON HARDWARE CO. has in this issue commenced advertising with East Bay Labor Journal. If you're in at Simon's buying something, don't forget to tell them you saw the ad in East Bay Labor Journal.

BTC Craftsmen to Discuss Problems About UC April 20

The Building Trades Council was informed this week that a meeting of all building trades craftsmen employed at the University of California is being called for Wednesday, April 20, at 8 p.m. in Hall M at the Labor Temple in Oakland.

According to an announcement by Business Representative J. L. Childers, purpose of the meeting is to discuss progress made to date on the UC situation.

FREEWAY

Childers reported that he is arranging a pre-job conference with Charles Harney Inc. for the purpose of discussing job conditions for all crafts expected to work on the Mountain Boulevard Freeway extension.

Business representatives of affected crafts will be invited to the conference as soon as the date and place have been set. Childers stated.

SUPPORT FOR HOLMDAHL

Council delegates voted this week to authorize a financial contribution to aid in the election of John W. Holmdahl as Oakland city councilman from District 7.

UNITED CRUSADE

Childers announced his acceptance of an invitation by the United Bay Area Crusade to attend an organizational meeting of that body to elect Crusade officers.

NEW DELEGATES

Palmer C. King and Jack C. Reynolds, both of Lathers 88, were seated as new council delegates this week replacing Earl V. Davidson and William Ward. Reynolds is a former business representative of the council.

Also seated was Anthony Scallo of Gardeners 1206 replacing Bruce H. Zortman.

Typo 36 Progressives Plan Social Affair

The Progressive Club of Oakland Typographical Local 36 will hold a social affair on Saturday night, April 16, in Halls A and B in the Labor Temple at 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Bryce Dye, club president, promises that those attending will be provided with good food, entertainment and dancing to the music of an orchestra.

KNIGHT, BURKETT BACK DOWN; DISABILITY CUT

News of the Legislature included this week the backing down, for the time being at least, of Governor Knight and Employment Director Burkett, on bills to cripple unemployment insurance; and the trimming down by the Assembly Ways and Means Committee of the AFL's bill to raise maximum weekly temporary disability payments to \$50—the committee cutting this down to \$42.50.

Full list of hearings for next week will be found in State Federation's Newsletter of April 8.

Quinn: 'Districts Not The Sole Issue!'

Candidate In Statement On City Problems

John F. Quinn, president of the Alameda County Central Labor Council and candidate for the Oakland city council, this week denied that the "election of councilmen by districts" was the only issue in the present councilmanic race.

"The vast majority of the citizens of Oakland are in favor of election of councilmen by districts," Quinn said, "and I am personally in favor of it. It would not bring back the old ward system, but would give the voters in a district a better chance to know their councilman who could be held responsible for his actions in the council."

"This is the same system that is used for election of our Assemblymen; our Congressmen; our Supervisors, and it has never changed that this was 'The Ward System.' The published statement of councilmen was the only issue is not true."

"The vital issues of the campaign include urban renewal; slum clearance; adequate transportation; a new hotel; more industry. The published statement that these things are now being pushed to completion by the Oakland city council is only partially true. Slum clearance has been under discussion for the past eight years. Adequate transportation and at a reasonable rate, has been talked about for at least four years. The matter of a new and modern hotel has been the subject of bickering in the council for at least two years."

"Therefore it is not true that the election of councilmen by districts is the only issue."

"The Oakland city council refused to put this matter before the voters as a charter amendment, as well as the charter amendment to create a department of building and safety."

"The voters should have had a right to pass upon both of these matters."

Fred Brooks Named Representative of Pressmen in State

Fred Brooks, business representative, Printing Pressmen 125, has been appointed California State Representative. Printing Pressmen & Assistants International Union.

Brooks will retain his post with Pressmen 125, and from time to time will travel to various points in the State where his services in his new position are needed.

General President Thomas E. Dunwoody in writing to Brooks requesting him to take the appointment said:

"Following up my telegram to you wherein I stated that because of your successful efforts in furthering the interest of our international union beyond the normal duties of your office we would like to know if you would consider the appointment as California State Representative, it has been brought to my attention that presently we do not have a State Representative for California, and this office has been urged to make this appointment."

"I do so with pleasure because prior to any communications received, I had watched your work not only in Oakland but in outlying territories."

"I realize that you have given much of your time to those outlying cities and to any group which sought your assistance. I know, therefore, that you are vitally interested in all our unions, particularly in the State of California."

ANTONIO COSTA, a member of Carmen 122, died here on March 25 leaving his widow, Maria; a son, Edward; daughters, Mrs. Maria Costa and Mrs. Julia Torres; brothers, Joe F. Paul, John, and Manuel; sisters, Mrs. Mary Maciel, Mrs. Sarah Oliver, Mrs. Lena Lopes, Mrs. Anna Matoes, and Mrs. Philomina Nunes; and 5 grandchildren.

AFL RECOMMENDATIONS, 2 of Three Backed By Labor for City Council Elected

Following are the recommendations of candidates in the Oakland primary election April 19, made by the Alameda County Voters League-AFL in convention assembled:

Oakland Primary Election April 19

CITY COUNCIL

DR. GROVER H. MACLEOD (Dist. 1)
JOHN F. QUINN (Dist. 3)
JOHN W. HOLMDAHL (Dist. 7)

Note: No Recommendations, Dist. 5 and At Large

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DAVID S. TUCKER (Dir. No. 5)

Note: Directorship No. 3 left open for further consideration

PROPOSITIONS

- No. 1—Permits Council to extend contracts' completion time NO
- No. 2—Eliminates one-year Oakland residence requirement for contract workers NO
- No. 3—Changes payment procedure on contracts NO
- No. 4—Simplifies purchasing procedure YES
- No. 5—Eliminates publishing ordinances in book form NO
- Note: There is no No. 6 on the ballot.
- No. 7—Permits official city body member to transact business as private citizen with other official city bodies NO
- No. 8—Creates Deputy Police Chief exempt from Civil Service YES
- No. 9—Authorizes additional ranks in Police Department NO
- No. 10—Eventually abolishes Captain of Inspectors and Inspectors NO

District Transit Bill Is Approved By Labor Council As & If Amended

The Central Labor Council this week adopted a recommendation of the executive committee on the Transit District bill providing for the setting up of a transit district to take over and operate public transportation facilities if necessary.

Some time ago the council had referred the matter to Vern Stambaugh, president, Carmen 192, as the Key System is naturally in all minds when the district transit project is considered.

Stambaugh has been watching the bill in Sacramento, and found that Senator Breed, who introduced the bill, was willing to accept amendments. Stambaugh conferred with the CLC executive committee last week, and the executive committee then prepared the statement which was adopted by the council this week, as follows:

Small Hotel, Small Staff, Small Pay, But a Big Bluff and a Big Backdown

Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary W. P. Fee held the attention of the delegates this week and received a applause when he concluded the story of intricate and mystifying negotiations with the proprietor of the Ebony Oceanic Hotel, 822 Franklin street, Oakland.

It was one of those all's well that ends well stories, but Fee said he never did figure out how it managed to end so well.

It's a small hotel with a small staff of 4 women who seem to do the maintenance work as well as the work regularly done by hotel maids. Two of them appealed to Building Service Employees Local 18 to organize the place.

So the owner hired an attorney. The first thing the attorney did was to inform the owner that he was paying the women less than the legal minimum of 75 cents an hour; actually he was paying 62½ cents an hour, making it \$5 a day for a 6-day week, no vacation, no health and welfare plan, no holidays, no nothing!

The attorney advised the owner to pungle up the back pay due the women pronto, so the legal minimum scale would have been complied with. The owner then paid the 4 women \$1500 between them, and fired the two who had asked the union to organize the place.

Then ensued prolonged negotiations, with the owner insisting he couldn't take the two women back, couldn't pay more, and if he did pay more on a stepped scale would have to stop forever at \$7 a day.

Just when it seemed that

2 of Three Backed By Labor for City Council Elected

Two of the three AFL-backed candidates for Berkeley City Council won in the Berkeley city election this week, but Mayor Laurence Cross, a dear and longtime friend of labor, was defeated. All three of the AFL-backed candidates for the Board of Education lost out.

Incumbent Councilman Arthur Harris, recommended for reelection, was a winner.

Jeffery Cohelan, secretary-treasurer of Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees 302, polled 13,833 votes, making him high man of the new candidates, the two incumbents, Harris and Mrs. Lee B. Thomas topping the list. There were 4 places on the City Council open, and the fourth man, behind Cohelan, was John De Bonis, with 12,965 votes.

Lionel J. Wilson, prominent in NAACP work, who had been backed for City Council by the AFL, lost out. Wilson placed next to De Bonis, with nearly 12,000 votes.

The three candidates for places on the School Board who won were Victor Bottari Jr., Mrs. Alice W. Sackett, and Bert H. Emberton. Defeated candidates for these places, backed by the AFL, were Susan Selvin, and Colette O'Dea.

The winner of the Mayoralty was Dr. Claude B. Hutchison, dean emeritus of the UC College of Agriculture.

Peter Jurs Backed By the Machinists

Peter Jurs has been endorsed for election to the Oakland School Board as Director No. 5, by the AFL International Association of Machinists, it was announced this week by Melvin E. Thompson, senior business agent of IAM District-Lodge 115 and John Schiavenza, secretary of the California State Conference of Machinists. The election is April 19.

Thompson and Schiavenza are chairman and secretary, respectively, of the Northern Branch, California Machinists Nonpartisan League.

It was also announced that on all other candidates supported by the Alameda County AFL Voters League, the Machinists are making the same recommendations.

Dental Technicians Reaffiliate With IJWU

After 10 years of existence as an AFL Federal Union (Charter No. 24116), the Dental Technicians Union has given up its federal status by reaffiliating with the International Jewelry Workers Union, it was announced here this week by C. G. Blix, union business representative. Action to reaffiliate with the IJWU followed a referendum vote by the local membership.

The local union's new title, which became effective on March 1, 1955, is the Dental Technicians Union of Northern California, Local 99.

According to Blix, all officers of the local have been retained and will remain in office until the next nomination and election dates which will take place during April and May.

UN Charter Review Seminar Planned

Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Central Labor Council, has accepted membership on the East Bay Citizens Committee for United Nations Charter Review.

Mrs. Stanley Marvin, chairman of the seminar planning committee, has informed Ash that the seminar planned for Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Congregational Church of Oakland "assures our East Bay communities a prominent place among those localities which are responding to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' request for citizens participation in study and discussion of Charter Review."

Dick McDonald Passes

Dick McDonald, for years secretary-treasurer of the Clerks Union in Santa Barbara, died Sunday, according to information received by Harris Wilkins, secretary-treasurer, Food Clerks

POLITICAL NOTES

JOHN W. HOLMDAHL, candidate for the Oakland City Council, today named additional business, merchant, and labor leaders to his Campaign Committee. They are: Robert S. Ash, J. H. Ariansen, Anga Bjornson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam W. Blanford, William Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Calista, Arnold Callan, Robert Canary, Mr. and Mrs. Levin Charles, Clifford D. Crall, Dan Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Reno E. DeBarnabo, Carl F. Dittmar, William Finn, Judge Monroe Friedman, Morris Henson, Richard Hilkin, Paul L. Jones, Robert Kroninger, James M. Leaver, Lloyd E. Mabon, Congressman George P. Miller, Faye Mitchell, E. E. Montgomery, Mrs. Milda Ozolin, George L. Rice, Robert River, John T. Schiavenza, Frank J. Snite, Ernest Vernon, Dan Whelan, James Whitehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whiteside.

PETER M. TRIPP, candidate for Oakland City Council, has opened campaign headquarters at 4122 Broadway.

MRS. MARJORIE HIRSCHLER, candidate for reelection to the Oakland School Board, has been active in the Oakland Community Welfare Council, the Oakland Volunteer Bureau, the Community Chest, the United Crusade and the Montclair Parent-Teacher's Association.

CARL E. MUNCK, candidate for reelection to the Oakland Board of Education is a lawyer in general practice and has been active in civic, fraternal and welfare organizations in Oakland for the past 25 years.

JOHN W. HOLMDAHL, candidate for the Oakland City Council, has announced the formation of a Portuguese-American Committee working for his election on April 19. Mrs. Helen Callista has been named President of the Committee. The members include: Harold Correia, Mrs. Emma Costa, Virgil Dutra, Miss Jacqueline Mattos, Mrs. Mary Marshall, Rollin Correia, Mrs. Alma Nobrega, Mrs. F. R. Silva, Anthony Azevedo, Mrs. M. Betencourt, Manuel Vieira, Mrs. Ann Perry, Tony Mendonca, Mrs. Edwina Gonsalves.

DAVID S. TUCKER, president of the Oakland Board of Education and a candidate for reelection as School Director No. 5, this week was cited for his outstanding record by J. Warren Manuel, chairman of the Non-Partisan School Committee.

PETER C. JURKS, candidate for the Oakland School Board in the April 19 election, is a practicing mechanical engineer educated in Oakland and Berkeley schools and at Stanford University.

OAKLAND VOTERS will have an opportunity to judge the qualifications of candidates for the City Council and the Board of Education at a public meeting to be held Thursday evening, April 14, at Westlake Junior High School, 2629 Harrison Street, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Oakland.

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FROM THE EDITOR To The Ladies:

EDITORS GET HOPELESS about human nature, it is sometimes said, because they have to read so many newspapers. May be so.

For instance, in one corner of one page of one morning paper the other day:

No. 1—A 4-year old girl shown in picture screaming and striking at the mother who put her in a foster home 9 months ago; the little girl insisted she loved her father, not her mother, and wished to be with him; the child's preference was ignored; the court ordered that she stay with her mother till the hearing is resumed.

No. 2—The teen-age voice that called up on the phone and just for the fun of it, told a woman her son had been killed; the grandfather of the woman's son died of heart failure because of the shock.

No. 3—Man shot and killed at the door of his cottage by "a woman identified as his estranged wife."

YOU CAN'T HELP but think mournfully and long about that poor little girl, fought over by her parents; about that unhappy woman so cruelly hoaxed, subjected to the misery of thinking her boy had been killed and then finding that her father had died; and about the woman killing her former husband. The thoughts are depressing. So this is the way life is!

But on the very next page you learn that a girl, born armless, has signed her name to a marriage license, pen held in her toes, that she can play the marimba, sew, drive a car, and cook. Born at such a disadvantage and living so successfully! How you hope that she and that handsome young soldier she's marrying will have long and happy lives together!

HUMAN LIFE seems to be like Old Man River, it just keeps rolling along, muddying here, beautifully clear there and reflecting the serene heavens above.

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

PREVENTION, rather than cure, of our social ills was the theme of a talk by Dr. Iago Galdston, of the New York Academy of Medicine before a conference of the New York School for Social Work.

"There is no sovereign remedy for juvenile delinquency," he told the conference.

As there is no one remedy, there is no one cause for this social ill which bothers us so much these days. This expert seems to think, however, that we might prevent much of it by providing a better environment for our children.

"Children were once an economic and social asset," he continued. Now they are mainly an economic liability and often a social handicap. This is particularly true of the city family.

"Save for school work the child has little to do, and that little is of a 'make work' character."

"Contrast this with the many chores which the child performed in time past, and still performs in some rural homes." This does not mean that he or any one advocates a return to "child labor" and all its evils.

But anyone who knows children, knows that they like to work at something real, if the work is presented to them in the proper way.

Children will dig in a garden, sew on an apron, help bake a cake or paint a chair with eager enthusiasm. But most of them are smart enough to detect "busy work" and to be repelled by it.

We can't go back to the time when boys chopped the wood and brought in the coal. We can't go back to the farm.

Even in a small apartment, however, there are things children can do. REAL things, if the adults of the family have the patience and ingenuity to work for them.

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Making Ends Meet

Car Buying

Warning to prospective new car buyers: The dealer that offers you the biggest trade-in on your old car is not necessarily offering you the best buy. A lot depends on the "price" of the new car on which you are making the trade-in.

Many dealers are jacking up prices on new cars by adding inflated expenses for freight, accessories, and servicing to their prices. This allows them to offer bigger trade-ins for old cars and fool the consumer into thinking he's getting a special deal.

When comparing car prices, consider the net and total price of the new car as well as how much you're being allowed on your old car. That is, the important thing is to compare not merely how much you're allowed on the trade-in but how much you have to end up paying after the trade-in allowance.

Remember, too, that the cry of "no money down, years to pay" may mean just about a lifetime with a continuous debt. Be particularly wary of dealers who offer their own financing terms or suggest a particular loan company. The best way to finance a car is by borrowing the money through a credit union. That way you are assured that the rates you will have to pay for the money you borrow are reasonable and honest.

AFL News Reporter.

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To make roll-ups, brown ground beef and moisten with a little catsup, canned gravy, or tomato sauce—and season well. Roll out a standard biscuit dough, spread on the meat mixture, and sprinkle with a little grated cheese. Then roll up, just as you would a jelly roll, pinching edges of dough together well. Cut the roll into one-inch slices, place them on an ungreased baking sheet and bake in a hot oven (450 degrees F.) for 15 to 18 minutes or until the roll-ups are well-browned. Serve with hot mushroom or tomato sauce.

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News About Women

Jobs for Women

About 600 women delegates from the various civic and women's organizations, industries, unions and educational groups met in Washington March 10 and 11 to discuss "the effective use of womanpower."

Mrs. Alice K. Leopold, assistant to the Secretary of Labor for Women's Affairs, in a press conference designed to explain the purpose of the conference, expressed hope that it would show that there is "a bright future for women who want to work" on the ground that there is practically no area in which women cannot hold their own with men.

The experts invited to address the conference suggested how the organizations might needle employers and the public in general into accepting women in every field of employment.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Vincent A. Burdash of Typos 36 Passes at 64

Vincent A. Burdash, assistant foreman of the Oakland Tribune's composing room and a long-time member of Typographical Local 36, died last Friday at an Oakland hospital after a long illness. He was 64. Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery on Monday.

Brother Burdash, who lived with his wife, Marie, at 4051 Laurel Avenue, is also survived by two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Poss of Oakland and Mrs. Betty Bailey of San Lorenzo; 5 brothers, Henry, Louis, Timothy and Edward, all of Duluth, and Fred Burdash of Walnut Creek; a sister, Mrs. Madeline Lupier of Stillwater, Minn., and 2 grandchildren.

TEAMSTER UNION OFFICIALS are continuing negotiations this week in San Francisco with the California State Brewers' Institute for a new agreement covering brewery employees.

GEORGE L. RICE, research and education director of Electrical Workers 1245, is now on the high seas with the U. S. Navy as part of his annual 3-weeks reserves training cruise.

ARNE BARSTAD, a member of Carmen's Division 192, died in San Leandro on April 1 at age 56 leaving his widow, Nona B.; a daughter, Nona L.; sons, James and Roger; brothers, Einar, Lars, Martin and Severin; and sisters, Gertrude Barstad, Mrs. H. O. Grinde and Mrs. T. A. Dodge.

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ST. JARLATH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 3300 Fruitvale Avenue At Montana, Oakland. Sunday Masses: 6:30, 7:30, 9, 10, 11, 12:15. Week Day Masses: 7 and 8:15 a.m.	REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH 61st Ave., and Brann St. REV. FRANK A. HAEDICKE, Pastor Home TR. 2-1592 Church TR. 2-7018 "Because I Live, Ye Also Shall Live" Three Easter Services 7 a.m. "Easter Faith" William Diehl, Vicar 8:30 and 11 a.m. "The Festival of Life" 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Classes Vested Choir Anthems: 7 a.m. Children's Choir: "Christ the Lord is Risen"—Gehrke 8:30 a.m. Junior Girls' Choir: "Hallelujah Chorus"—Handel 11 a.m. Senior Choir: "The Strife Is Over"—Helder Soprano Soloist: Mrs. Elaine Urech
ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 1535 - 16th Ave., Oakland Masses at 6, 7, 8, 9, 10:30 a.m. (Solemn High Mass) 12:15 p.m. Good Friday 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.	TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 1323 Central Ave., Alameda Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sermon Topic— "Easter Interpretations" on Easter Sunday Welcomes you to worship with us on Easter Sunday
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION 1300 Benedict Drive, San Leandro Easter Sunday Masses 6, 7, 8, 9, 10:30 High Mass 12:15 Benediction follows 9 a.m. Mass Good Friday—3 hours devotion 12 to 3	GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH 1836 B St., Hayward Good Friday Services, 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m. Easter Service, 11 a.m.
ST. ANDREWS CHURCH 36th and Adeline Streets Oakland, California Masses at 6:30-8:00 and 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Solemn High) 12:15 p.m. Services from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Good Friday	FIRST TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 17th Ave. and E. 15th St. O. H. REINBOTH, Pastor Phone: KE 4-1630 Good Friday Services: 12:20 and 8 p.m. Easter Services: 9:30. Designed for Children and Adults 11 a.m. Regular Festival Services
ST. FELICITAS CHURCH 130 West Ave., 150th San Lorenzo (Washington Manor) REV. MICHAEL J. MCGINTY, Pastor Masses, Easter Sunday 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 (High Mass) and 12 noon Solemn High Masses: 5:45 and 11 a.m. with Mary Houston at the organ; Director: Ralph Laris	LAKEHORE AVENUE BAPTIST 3518 Lakeshore Avenue H. N. GEISTWEIT, D. D., Pastor Radio, KSFO Easter Services 9:30 and 11 a.m. "Resurrection", 8 p.m. "Prisoners of Hope"
ST. ELIZABETH'S CHURCH 1500 - 34th Ave., Oakland Low Masses with Hymns: 7, 8, 9, 10, 12:15 a.m.	FOOTHILL BLVD. BAPTIST CHURCH 16th Ave., and Foothill Blvd. Welcome to an Old Fashioned Easter Service 11 a.m.—"Worshipping a Living Lord" Guy Archer Weniger, D.D. 7:45 p.m. Easter Choral Concert Naomi Koett, Director 9:15 p.m. Singing Refreshments 9:45 a.m. 9 Sunday Departments 6:30 p.m. 9 C.B.A. Leagues Wednesday, April 13, 7:45 p.m. Wheaton College Choir
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ST. BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 2245 - 82nd Ave., Oakland Masses at 6, 7, 8, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. High Mass at 10:30 a.m. is followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.	UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH 1649 - 96th Ave. J. E. KLEMIN, Pastor Phone: SW. 8-9143. Radio Broadcast Sunday, 5:45 p.m., KWBR 9:45 a.m., Sunday School 11 a.m., Preaching 7:45 p.m., Evening Service Tues., 7:45 p.m., Bible Study Thurs., 7:45 p.m., Young People
ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH 824 Second St., Hayward Masses: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 a.m. 11 a.m. (Solemn High Mass) 12:15 p.m. Good Friday Services: 12 to 3 p.m.	HAVENSCOURT COLONIAL CHURCH 1444 Havenscourt Blvd., Oakland BALDWIN H. SHERMAN, Pastor Two morning services 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Pastor's Sermon "Christ Lives Today" 7 p.m. Easter Music by the Choir
ELMHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1332 - 98th Ave., Oakland REV. THOMAS W. HEALD, Pastor 8:30 and 11 a.m. Identical Easter Services Sermon: "The Eastern Alternative" "A Church That Lives To Serve"	FOUR OUTDOOR EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES APRIL 10—6:30 A.M. AUSPICES OAKLAND COUNCIL OF CHURCHES MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY, head of Piedmont Avenue WOODMINSTER AMPHITHEATRE, Joaquin Miller Road CHABOT GOLF LINKS (Youth Service) East end of Golf Links Road ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS, 98th Avenue and Golf Links Road These services last one hour. Ample parking space, under Police supervision An inspiring way to start Easter Sunday

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By JIM MARTIN

The business office would like to bring to the attention of our membership the provisions in our by-laws with which they must comply in order that they may have certain benefits, also the procedure they must follow to be excused from non-attendance assessments.

Section 31, Paragraph 2, of our by-laws provides that our union will grant to members of our association, who have been members in good standing in the United Association for a period of thirty years and have been members of Local 342 for a period ten years, an exemption of all dues and assessments (except the payment of the death benefit premium carried by the local union insurance plan, which currently is with the West Coast Life Insurance Company).

Now, in order to benefit by the above you must notify the business office of this union and upon a confirmation of this record, now on file in the general office of the United Association as to your status Section 31 of our by-laws will prevail.

Section 31, Paragraph 3, of our by-laws provides: Members who are sick or injured and unable to work because of same shall notify the welfare committee in writing. After being sick for thirty days, and upon verification from their doctor of sickness or injury every thirty days thereafter, their monthly union dues and assessments (with exception of the insurance policy and disciplinary assessments) shall be paid from the general fund.

Upon notification in writing to the welfare committee of permanent total disability, a member shall have his dues and assessments paid without further monthly notification to said committee.

Section 29, Paragraph 3, of our by-laws provides: When a member is employed on a swing shift, or when a member is working out of the jurisdiction of Local 342, but retains his

card in Local 342, by notifying the executive board each and every thirty days in writing, he shall be excused from non-attendance assessments.

The business office receives various excuses from our members stating why they should be excused from non-attendance assessments, however, in accordance with this union's by-laws, only the above shall apply in requesting to be excused from non-attendance assessments.

The membership recently voted to accept a resolution, whereby, effective March 1, 1955, the dues were raised one dollar per month, therefore the dues for all members of our union including one dollar for insurance are:

Journeymen, \$8.00; Metal Trades, \$6.25; Apprentices, \$6.25, plus thirty cents quarterly for building trades assessment.

This Union has two working agreements with the law offices of James Galliano and Paul Paduck, whereby each member pays one dollar per year for representation and advice on all matters pertaining to industrial accident claims, etc. This agreement covers the period from September 1955 to September 1956. The second agreement of one dollar per member provides for legal advice to all members of this union and their immediate family and to this business office. This agreement covers the period from March 1, 1955 to March 1, 1956 and is now due and payable.

Section 177 of the United Association Constitution provides all local assessments are due and payable before dues.

ADELFINO BENAVIDES, a member of Laborers 304, passed away in Kingsburg on March 27 leaving sons, Louie, Fermin and Aaron; and daughters, Mercedes Guinn of San Francisco, Julia Camacho of Exeter, Della Fernandez of Oakland, and Esther Benavides.



Clerks & Lumber Handlers 939

All meetings of this Local for the months of March, April, May, and June, 1955, will be special meetings for the purpose of discussing working conditions.

These meetings will be held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, in Hall H, third floor, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street, Oakland. All members are respectfully requested to attend these meetings.

Fraternal yours,
A. R. ESTES,
Recording Secretary.

Painters 127

All members of the above local are hereby notified that a special meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14, 1955 in the regular meeting hall, 2315 Valdez Street. Purpose of this special meeting will be to act upon the renewal of our local Death Benefit Plan. We have been notified of an increase in cost of premium and our executive board has been acting for some time on this matter. A choice of plans will be offered and as an increase in cost is involved all members are urged to attend this meeting.

Any other special business to come before the meeting will also be acted upon.

Fraternal yours,
FLOYD PEASLEE,
Recording Secretary

Hayward Painters 1178

Will you be with us at our next regular meeting Friday evening, April 15th? There was a rather good attendance at the last meeting, to our surprise. We would like to see it increase even more.

There are many bills now being considered in both State and national Legislatures, that, if passed, will put our working conditions back as they were in the horse and buggy days, or worse. You and you alone can fight these bills by writing a protest to your local legislator or congressman. The names and addresses of these can be had at our office.

You certainly have a very great obligation to yourself and the rest of the Brotherhood to make these protests.

Fraternal yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Strokes of the Brush from Local No. 127

Still No Activity on Painter Pact

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

Negotiations on renewal of our present agreement still going along with not too many proposals being resolved. As is customary in this type of negotiations involving such a large group, everyone is more or less busy he sees no point in returning to work until the offer is made. Both sides are still meeting with their respective groups with the next meeting scheduled for the sub-committee on Friday morning of this week. However as the time for some conclusion to be reached is fast approaching we look forward to the next issue of this paper is off the press. Again we advise the brothers to watch this column as anything can happen real sudden like.

Our preventive medicine program went along fine for a time then applicants gradually fell off until there is very little activity at present. Unless more interest is shown in the program we shall discontinue it the last of next week. It has helped a good many of the dependents and it is indeed unfortunate that not more have taken advantage of it.

We regret to report the death of another one of our brothers during the past week. Brother Daniel Yrueta, age 69, passed away on March 31. He was the father of the popular firm of contractors Yrueta Brothers and was buried on April 4. The officers and members of the Local extend their deep sympathies to the family of our departed brother.

Speaking of the big school wonder how many of the good brothers will have to leave before the learned and scholarly officials of such an important institution will start a move to restore the just rights they have seen fit to remove from their valued and honest employees. And also speaking of the University we warn a certain brother that we will stand for no more of his aspersions as to the honor and dignity of certain business representatives of certain unions. After providing a scrumptious banquet for the above brother we heard he turned around and did bite the hand that fed him. Let's have no more of that kind of backbiting or we shall notify all brothers in this column of the principle activity of certain rest room mechanics.

Special meeting April 14 and it is important that you attend.

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Watchmakers Sign S. J. Wage Pact

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We can report that we did not have to resort to the union's "no contract no work" policy in San Jose. An agreement for two years was reached in the city of San Jose, with the new agreement to expire on March 31, 1957.

The members in San Jose felt that the most important change they desired in their agreement was the elimination of the length of service wage provision, which stipulated a new watchmaker could be hired for \$2.00 per hour. This was changed in the new agreement whereby a watchmaker with four or more years actual bench experience will be paid a journeyman's rate.

A 5 cents per hour increase this year, plus an additional 5 cents per hour next year will bring the journeymen's rate to \$2.60 per hour.

All the agreements were signed with the exception of Mission Jewelers. Mr. Langfelder, the owner of this store, was out of town on vacation and will return this week. We anticipate no difficulty in getting Mr. Langfelder's signature to the new contract.

We have one other contract to take up. Mr. Jules Bozzi, we believe inadvertently signed his contract in the wrong place, therefore, we must obtain his signature again.

By the time you read this column, the John Carbone case will have been tried in the San Mateo County Superior Court in Redwood City. The case is on the calendar for Thursday, March 7.

We will advise you of the outcome as soon as possible.

GREAT BOOKS COUNCIL of the East Bay announces a leadership training course for great books discussion groups starting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11th in the West Auditorium of the Oakland Public Library.

EARL LEONARD HENSLEY, a member of Teamsters 70, died in Oakland on March 31 leaving brothers, Ralph and Lloyd; and sisters, Ruth Denham, Edna Skipworth and Lois Hammond.

W. M. SHERLOCK, candidate for a place on the Oakland Board of Education, says that some business people quibble over the amount of school bonds, "which is purely an estimate of needs and not actual expenditure."

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

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Movie Union Gets Set For New Pact

By JOE CONNELLY

Following up last week's column wherein we announced that both employer and employee representatives were seeking to establish a date for further negotiation talks that would be mutually agreeable, April 14 has been set as the next meeting date.

The labor representatives from this local will report on the progress made to date at the general membership meeting of Thursday, April 21, at 11:30 a.m.

Although we announced that the last scheduled pact talks were postponed at the request of the employer, we wish to point out that we do not consider this procrastination and believe they are as anxious as we are to conclude the negotiations at the earliest possible date. The employers have agreed that any increase agreed to will be retroactive to the date of March 1, 1955.

Once again we caution the members to keep track of their hours worked from March 1, 1955 until the effective date of the new agreement to prevent any loss of the differential in the wage scales.

Up and down the aisle... Former member **George Daley**, who worked a number of neighborhood and downtown houses in past years including the Laurel, Rivoli, Grand-Lake, Teleneux, Fox-Oakland to name a few, dropping in the office after a recent Caribbean cruise to say hello.

Ruth Morrill Howard, back at the Paramount and dropping in the business office to be reinstated. Husband, Eddie, is still with the U. S. Army.

The new man on the Central door is **Roger Allen**.

Night Manager **Charlie Harford** of the same house is preparing to enter the hospital next week.

Ed Donnelly, former Parkway manager, now a mortician will fill in for Charlie in his absence.

Giovanni D'Asaro of the Broadway door, dropping in the office with his usual friendly greeting.

Alberta Tiffin leaving the Broadway to become a mother.

Evelyn Navarro working a few shifts at the Campus.

Jack Barry, formerly on the door at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium, now with the Tri-City Auto Lease Co. in El Cerrito.

By the way, how about an item from your theater?

ROBERT L. MORTON, a member of Bakers 119, died in Berkeley on March 28 at age 76 leaving his widow, Maud; sons, Robert, Harold, Malcolm, Clyde and Marion M.; and 7 grandchildren.

AFL News Service Brief Dispatches

BUILDING TRADESMEN, 1400 of them, gathered in Washington to hear reports on proposed amendments to Taft-Hartley and Davis-Bacon laws, and to see their Congressmen.

GUARDS, WATCHMEN, and related clerical employees are covered by Wage and Hour Law, U. S. Supreme Court rules.

UMT, Universal Military Training, should be kept out of Administration's reserve plan, says AFL.

AFL AND CIO TEXTILE and clothing unions ask Mr. Eisenhower to urge raising present Federal minimum wage of 75 cents an hour to \$1.25 instead of 90 cents proposed by Administration.

SHORTER WORKWEEK is key to expanding the economy, AFL researchers declare.

SECURITY - LOYALTY program minor revisions don't remove the gross injustices from it, says J. A. Campbell, head of the AFL Federation of Government Employees.

'RIGHT TO WORK' war chest of some \$32 millions being raised to keep open shop on the books in States which have adopted it, and to spread it to other States, reports indicate.

IMMEDIATE TAX RELIEF for low-income families urged by AFL in advocating proposed \$20-per-person tax cut.

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NLRB GENERAL COUNSEL T. C. Kammholz of Chicago confirmed in that office by Senate; also Board Member Boyd Leedom, succeeding A. C. Beeson.

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UNVENTED GAS HEATERS, or defective ones, accounted for 135 accidental deaths in places of human habitation in California during 1953 and 1954, says State Industrial Relations Director Ernest B. Webb.

AFL BACKING CIO in Auto Workers' negotiations for guaranteed annual wage, AFL President George Meany told a loudly cheering convention of the Auto Workers in Cleveland.

THOMAS MOORE, a member of Boilermakers 39, died here on March 23 leaving his widow, Edna; a daughter, Gertrude Virgil of Glen Ellen; and 2 grandchildren.



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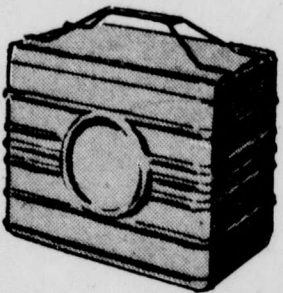
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OPINIONS

WILLIAM J. FOLEY

Editor, Labor Journal:

To my surprise you did try to make propaganda, out of an opinion I expressed in reference to fair play.

I am not answering your comment because of a desire to do battle with you over that same opinion but to let you know that I am fully aware of what you tried to do.

I said you had no research department.

Your comment on the railroads proves it. If you had stated the true facts on the so-called give away of lands to the Western R. R.'s back in the 1860's you would have told your readers that President Lincoln did that to open the west for settlement, and that the Federal government had strings tied around those land grants, also you should have told about the land grant schools.

I am not going to waste my time giving you a lesson in history. Read it and then you won't have to distort it.

I am fraternally,

WM. J. FOLEY

EDITOR'S NOTE: Brother Foley is referring to a letter of his, published in last week's issue of East Bay Labor Journal, in which he defended private utilities; and to the editor's reply defending TVA.

WARNING

There are no signs that Russia welcomes any visitors who are not specially invited. There is no tourist traffic to the Soviet. When a British delegation has been to the Soviet Union or any other Iron Curtain country it is expected to do a propaganda job on its return. It publishes a report which is advertised through Communist publications, but only if it is favorable. From 5000-word booklet by British Trade Union Congress warning against Red's tricks.

AUTOMATION

A handy, capsule, cut-rate definition of automation, synthesized by Labor's Daily from many sources, is this: In mechanization, a man thinks for the machine. In automation, a machine thinks for a machine. That is, in automation a machine digs a hole experimentally, measures it, decides it isn't the right kind of a hole, fills it up again and digs another hole.—Labor's Daily.

CHILD LABOR

Marked advances in rural school enrollment have followed the strengthening of the child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act prohibiting employment in agriculture during school hours.—Secretary of Labor Mitchell.

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EDITORIALS

Oakland City Election Enters Home Stretch of Last 2 Weeks

Jimmie Murphy, who would like to see his fellow unionist John F. Quinn elected to the Oakland City Council in the election April 19, has called the attention of labor people to the fact that elections are won or lost in the last two weeks of a campaign.

Well, on Monday of next week that home stretch of the last two weeks begins.

If there's been any holding back so far by those interested in Quinn's election because they thought the election was a "long way off" now is the time to realize that the election is very close at hand.

We have mentioned Quinn, but of course organized labor is deeply interested also in the campaigns of two other candidates for the Oakland City Council: Dr. Grover MacLeod, who is standing for reelection, and John W. Holmdahl.

Then there are Oakland Board of Education candidates recommended by the Alameda County Voters League-AFL.

The list of candidates recommended by the AFL Voters League is published on the first page of East Bay Labor Journal.

Do what you can for that excellent ticket! We need City Councilmen and Directors of Education who understand the role that labor plays in modern life.

Democrats and Labor in Sacramento

The Democratic minority in the Assembly this week held a meeting to get ideas together on how to vote on major issues coming before the Legislature. Their decisions, and every informed person knew it in advance of the meeting, were sure to be more on the liberal and labor side than the decisions of a similar meeting of the Republican majority would be.

There are some friends of labor among the Republicans in the Legislature, and some foes of labor among the Democrats, but it is interesting to watch the votes on labor measures, and note how well the Democrats show up, and how poorly the Republicans.

For example on AB-509, sponsored by the State Federation of Labor, and introduced by Assemblyman Thomas A. Maloney Rep., San Francisco, and Edward M. Gaffney, Democrat, San Francisco, the vote in the Assembly Finance & Insurance Committee to approve the bill, and thereby to improve maximum death benefits under the State Workmen's Compensation Law, was 11 to 5. Of the 11 who voted to approve, only 3 were Republicans, and 8 were Democrats. Of the 5 who voted against it, only one was a Democrat and 4 were Republicans.

That is the way these votes go all over the country. The Democratic Party, admittedly imperfect as it is, and always loaded with some dead timber, manages to build steadily a better labor record than the Republican Party. Yet some people are always asking why it is, if organized labor is non-partisan, it so often votes for Democrats. Such events as the voting of the Assemblymen in the committee just cited supply the answer: on the whole they vote with us, so on the whole we vote with them.

Incidentally, but very importantly, of course, that measure of ours in the Assembly committee failed to get the committee's approval, even though it scored a majority of 11 to 5. For the rule is that 12 votes must be cast for a measure before it has that committee's approval.

Well, 6 members of the committee were absent, 5 of them Republicans and one Democrat. Which one of the 6 is the one that was probably counted on to give the winning vote for us, but who decided that it would be safer to stay away and get a haircut or a bowl of chili instead of casting that deciding vote? We don't know, we're just guessing; but Tommy Pitts and Neil Haggerty and Charlie Scully probably know.

'Right to Wreck' Bills Get Wrecked

Recently organized labor has won two encouraging victories in the fight to stem "right to work" laws, which we prefer to call by their true name, compulsory open shop laws, and which also have been appropriately called "right to wreck" laws.

In Maryland the drive to force open shop conditions was killed off for at least two years as both upper and lower chambers of the Legislature rejected the measure.

In Kansas where rural members of the Legislature have been fascinated for years by this assumed panacea for industrial peace, the Legislature actually passed such a measure. But Governor Fred Hall declared it was punitive legislation, and whacked it down with a veto.

Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell, even though the President has refused to back him, keeps up his little campaign against these Big Business measures, and deserves due credit for it. But his own comment is to the point—that this issue is being fought out in the States rather than on the Federal level.

In this State, as Secretary C. J. Haggerty of the State Federation has pointed out, while there is no avowed "right to work" measure in the legislative hopper, there are plenty of skeleton bills filed by numerous anti-labor members of the Legislature which could easily by the tacking on of a little amendment become full fledged "right to work" bills.

Not until the Legislature has adjourned in June can labor be sure that some sudden drive may not be made to achieve the Big Business dream of the open shop, the privilege of highly organized employers to deal with labor piecemeal, weak individual by individual, rather than with unions strong to protect the individual.

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Governor Knight's For Wiretap Bill

Governor Knight has announced that the wiretap bill introduced by Assemblyman Chapel and Johnson has merit, because every law enforcement officer should have facilities for capturing criminals, but that it must be studied to see that it "violates no constitutional guarantees."

The bill, numbered AB-612, is listed as one of the BILLS TO WATCH by the State Federation of Labor. The State Fed describes it as a measure which "permits wiretap evidence, obtained under authority of court order, to be used in trial of certain felony cases."

Assemblyman Charles Edward Chapel of Inglewood in the 1953 session of the Legislature voted wrong 9 times and right 6 times on labor bills, according to the State Fed record.

In the present session Assemblyman Chapel introduced in the lower chamber AB-1903, which as the State Fed describes it, "requires the suspension or revocation of the license or registration of any person so licensed or registered under the provisions of the Business and Professional Code who refuses or fails to testify before a legislative, executive, or judicial proceeding of the U. S. or State on grounds of self-incrimination."

This AB-1903 has been denounced widely as a serious infringement of civil liberties, since a barber, lawyer, physician, or any other licensed practitioner could lose the right to practice through exercise of his constitutional right not to testify in any kind of proceedings. So those alert for the protection of civil liberties are looking at Chapel's wiretap bill with care.

The Friends Committee on Legislation, supposed to represent the attitude of the Quakers, says this on Chapel's wiretap measure:

"It is an obvious and deep erosion of the rights of the individual and invites complete Government control. Wiretapping is a police state method. No matter how attractive to policemen we can't afford to tolerate it."

Jewish Committee Praised by Meany

AFL President George Meany recently won the rousing applause of an assemblage of trade unionists, when he declared that the clause in the AFL-CIO merger agreement to accord full benefits of trade organization to all workers regardless of race, creed or national origin, will be implemented by internal machinery set up by the united organization.

He was addressing a national trade union conference in Atlantic City, called by the Jewish Labor Committee.

Ship Construction And Repair Confab Meeting April 13

Joe Roberts, secretary, Governor's Committee for Ship Construction and Repairs, calls attention to a meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 13, in the Governor's Council Room in the State Capitol at Sacramento.

In a letter to the Central Labor Council Roberts says that "it is to be a meeting of all interested in California's shipbuilding industry to impress Washington that California should get its fair share of the Naval and private shipbuilding and repair that will commence when the appropriations are approved by Congress."

Roberts adds that "the appropriations will, it is expected, be approved by the time our meeting is held, but we can re-assure the Navy Department that California's facilities are adequate and that they should be maintained for the good of the nation."

Among those who have been invited to the meeting are "ship and boat builders, unions affected by shipbuilding, mayors of port cities, California Senators and Representatives, Assemblymen and Senators of coastal counties, commanders of naval shipyards and ports, and members of the Maritime Administration."

Roberts concludes his letter by urging Secretary Robert S. Ash of the Central Labor Council to attend, saying:

"We urge you to attend the meeting and luncheon, and to express your views, so that Governor Knight will be fully informed of our entire shipbuilding picture before he contacts the National Administration on this matter."

The meeting will adjourn at 12:15 to the Elks Temple in Sacramento, 11th and J streets, for a luncheon at which the Governor will give the main address. The luncheon will be \$2.50 per person.

W. C. SALSMAN, a member of Operating Engineers 3, was electrocuted on March 24, when the crane on which he was working came in contact with a 12,000-volt power line. The accident occurred on a sewer line construction project in Richmond. Salsman, 45, was a veteran of 30 months of Army service in Africa and Europe during World War II. Survivors include his widow, Nona; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Salsman of Gainesville, Tex.; 2 brothers and 3 sisters in Texas and Oklahoma; and 4 stepdaughters.

ANDREW ARVID SJOSTROM, a member of Clerks & Lumber Handler 939, passed away in Hayward on April 3 at age 63 leaving his widow, Marie; and 4 sisters, Anna Lindquist, Carolina Heiberg, Hildigard Falk and Elisabeth Wallin, all of Sweden.

Local Demo Luncheon Forum Elects Officers And Hears Candidates

Members of the Alameda County Democratic Luncheon Forum meeting at their biweekly session last Friday at the Oakland Willows elected a new slate of officers for the coming year and listened to short speeches from candidates for office in the Berkeley and Oakland elections.

Elected as forum officers by a unanimous vote were Robert W. Crown, chairman; Lillian Harrison, secretary; and Ernest Stephens, treasurer. Joseph H. Stephens was reelected as vice-chairman.

Those attending the luncheon heard "get out the vote" pleas from labor-backed candidates Rev. Laurence Cross, Mayor of Berkeley; Rev. L. Sylvester Odom, seeking a seat as director on the Oakland Board of Education; John F. Quinn, running for the Oakland City Council in District 6; and John W. Holmdahl, in the race for Oakland City Council from District 7.

Quinn is president of the Central Labor Council, and Holmdahl, now an attorney, was an active member of Paint Makers 1101 when employed at a local paint plant.

Jeffery Cohelan, in the race for Berkeley City Council, was scheduled as a guest speaker but was unavoidably detained at the last moment by an important union negotiations session. Cohelan is secretary-treasurer of Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees 302.

GRANT LAROF FINCH, a member of Carpet & Linoleum Layers 1290, passed away in San Leandro on March 24 at age 69 leaving his widow, Inez; sons, Frank, Grant Jr., and Robert of San Leandro, and Erie Finch of Trona, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Inez E. Richmond of Cupertino; sisters, Mrs. Claire Skinner of Oakland, and Mrs. Addie Harris of Redding; and 4 grandchildren.

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A threatened nationwide Teamster strike against Montgomery Ward & Company was averted on March 31 with the signing of a new 1-year agreement between the company and the union.

The agreement, which will go into effect on June 1, provides for the following:

1. A wage increase to be negotiated on the local level in accordance with the prevailing rates of pay in the various areas.
2. A maintenance of membership clause whereby all members of the union employed by the company as of April 20 must remain members of the union for at least one year as a condition of employment.

3. A binding arbitration clause aimed at resolving grievances that may arise on the job during the life of the contract.

4. A clarified seniority clause, which takes out of the hand of the company the sole right of determining the basis of such seniority.

Tom Connor, business representative and organizer for Warehousemen 853 in charge of organizing at Montgomery Ward, said this week that he has already notified the company management in Oakland that the union wishes to negotiate a wage pact immediately. About 400 members of Local 853 are employed in the company's local mail order store and outside retail warehouses.

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Lundeborg's Plan Widely Discussed

The proposal of Harry Lundeborg, secretary of the AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific, that ships be operated with smaller crews, elimination of some overtime, and a no-strike guarantee, has created a controversy among maritime unions.

As the result of criticism of the plan by leaders of CIO maritime unions, Lundeborg has withdrawn from the AFL-CIO Conference of Maritime Unions.

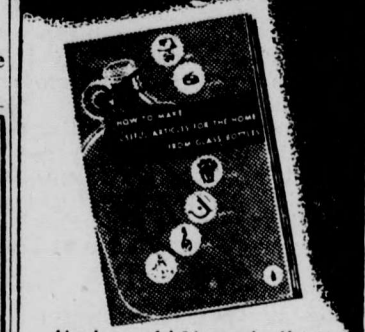
Lundeborg contends that drastic changes are needed to stop the flight of American shipowners to foreign registration to avoid conforming to United States shipping regulations.

EDNA LALEMENT, president of Building Service Employees 18, was observed back on the job last week after a one week bout at home with a virus infection.

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